



INFECTION CONTROL PRECAUTIONS for BIOTERRORISM AGENTS

Agent		Precautions			
		Standard	Droplet	Contact	Airborne
Anthrax		X			
Botulinum Toxin		X			
Brucella		X			
Cholera		X		X**	
Equine Encephalitis	Venezuelan	X	X		
	Eastern, Western	X			
Glanders	Cutaneous	X			
	Pneumonic	X	X		
Mycotoxin		X			
Plague	Bubonic	X			
	Pneumonic	X	X		
Q Fever		X			
Ricin		X			
Salmonella		X		X**	
Smallpox		X		X	X***
Staphylococcal Enterotoxin B		X			
Tularemia	Ulceroglandular	X			
	Pneumonic	X	X		
	Other	X			
Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers		X		X****	X

* See reverse side for definitions of the above precautions
 ** If diapered or incontinent patient
 *** Irrespective of vaccination history
 **** Extreme contact precautions (see reverse side)

For more information see American Journal of Infection Control 1996; 24: 24-52

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<u>SUMMARY OF INFECTION CONTROL PRECAUTIONS</u>				
Standard	Droplet	Contact	Extreme Contact	Airborne
<p><i>All body fluids are considered to be infectious</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gloves for touching body fluids or wounds Gown if clothes could be soiled by body fluids Mask and eye protection if splattering is possible Good handwashing frequently, including before and after glove use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mask and eye cover within 3 feet of the patient 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gloves for touching patient and environment Gown if clothes will touch patient or environment 	<p><i>For severe hemorrhaging as with suspected viral hemorrhagic fever</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Double gloving Impermeable gowns Leg protection Shoe protection Eye protection N95 respirator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negative pressure room N95 respirator

<u>MEASURES TO DECREASE PATIENT INFECTIVITY FOR TRANSPORT</u>	
If Patient is on Droplet or Airborne Precautions	If Patient is on Contact or Standard Precautions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surgical mask on patient 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cover skin lesions or draining wounds

For more information contact your facility's infection control practitioner, your local health department, or the Arizona Department of Health Services Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response at 602-364-3289